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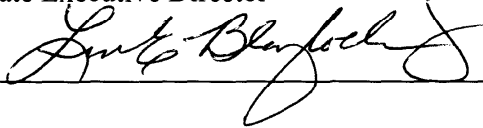
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For: All FSA County Offices

Required Acreage Reports for Marketing Assistance Loans and LDP's

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provides that acreage reports for 2002 through 2007 are required for all cropland on a farm as a condition of eligibility for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP's). Producers must report acreage on Form FSA-578 on all farms that will receive these price support benefits.

B Purpose

Producers who receive marketing assistance loans or LDP's will be granted an extension for filing an acreage report for **all** cropland on the farm, for the 2002 crop year. In these situations, late-filed fees will not be charged. This notice informs County Offices of the final date for accepting late-filed acreage reports for the 2002 crop year.

2 Action

A Final Date for Accepting Late-Filed Acreage Reports for 2002 Crop Year

For 2002, if all cropland is not reported, the producer has until 30 days after the Federal Regulations (7 CFR 718) are published to late-file the acreage report. That final date is **May 3, 2003**. If that is not done, any loans or LDP's that have been disbursed will have to be refunded.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall review FSA-578's for the 2002 crop year to determine if all cropland is reported on farms in which marketing assistance loans and LDP's have been disbursed. Notify producers of the requirement for reporting all cropland to be eligible for these benefits using all available means.

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